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# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE VARIOUS

BOARDS OF TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF MENDON

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE

**Municipal Year Ending Dec. 31, 1917.**

(251ST ANNUAL REPORT.)

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MILFORD, MASS.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT,

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The undersigned Treasurer of the Town of Mendon for the financial year ending December 31, 1917 submits an account of his doings.

The Treasurer debits himself with receiving the following sums viz:—

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| To cash received from Treasurer for<br>the year ending December 31, 1916    | \$1,491 14 |
| To cash received from Milford Savings<br>Bank .....                         | 7,500 00   |
| To cash received from Collector, 1914                                       | 53 74      |
| To cash received from Collector, 1915                                       | 355 90     |
| To cash received from Collector, 1916                                       | 2,550 50   |
| To cash received from Collector, 1917                                       | 10,404 94  |
| To cash received from M. & U. St. Ry.<br>tax .....                          | 238 78     |
| To cash received from M., A. & W. St.<br>Ry. tax .....                      | 42 50      |
| To cash received from Worcester Subur-<br>ban St. Ry. tax .....             | 741 74     |
| To cash received from State Treasurer,<br>St. Ry. tax .....                 | 921 12     |
| To cash received from State Treasurer,<br>Income School Fund .....          | 1,391 90   |
| To cash received from State Treasurer,<br>Inspection of Animals .....       | 19 02      |
| To cash received from State Treasurer,<br>Public Service Corporation tax .. | 247 29     |
| To cash received from State Treasurer,<br>Business Corporation tax .....    | 11 02      |
| To cash received from State Treasurer,<br>Income tax .....                  | 723 83     |

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| To cash received from State Treasurer,<br>Income tax .....                 | 68 00  |
| To cash received from State Treasurer,<br>National Bank tax .....          | 504 84 |
| To cash received from State Treasurer,<br>State Aid, 1916 .....            | 248 00 |
| To cash received from State Treasurer,<br>Soldiers' Exemption .....        | 40 37  |
| To cash received from State Treasurer,<br>State Road .....                 | 105 22 |
| To cash received from State Treasurer,<br>State Road .....                 | 358 75 |
| To cash received from State Treasurer,<br>Assistant in High School .....   | 500 00 |
| To cash received from State Treasurer,<br>Tuition School Children .....    | 132 00 |
| To cash received from Town of Ux-<br>bridge, Tuition School Children ..    | 28 50  |
| To cash received from City of Boston,<br>Tuition School Children .....     | 52 50  |
| To cash received from F. J. Dutcher,<br>Account Supervision of Schools ... | 375 00 |
| To cash received from County Treas-<br>urer, Dog tax .....                 | 173 06 |
| To cash received from F. H. Wood, Tui-<br>tion Industrial School .....     | 46 60  |
| To cash received from C. A. Fletcher,<br>for School tickets .....          | 7 20   |
| To cash received from M. & U. St. Ry.<br>Co., Grove license .....          | 50 00  |
| To cash received from Daniel H. Barnes,<br>Bowling Alley license .....     | 15 00  |
| To cash received from Frances Murphy<br>Skating Rink license .....         | 10 00  |
| To cash received from Arthur E. Brown,<br>Janitor Town Hall .....          | 71 00  |

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| To cash received from Annie Darling,<br>for Rent of Alliance room .....     | 12 00             |
| To cash received from Raymond L.<br>Daley, Pool table license .....         | 2 00              |
| To cash received from Charles H. Allen,<br>for one copy Town Annals .....   | 3 00              |
| To cash received from Clerk 3d District<br>Court, Milford .....             | 29 51             |
| To cash received from County Treas-<br>urer for killing unlicensed dog ...  | 2 00              |
| To cash received from W. A. Barry,<br>one-half fees from hay scales ....    | 11 90             |
| To cash received from Lena W. George,<br>Library fines and merchandise sold | 13 11             |
| To cash received from Williams & Vin-<br>cent from Albert Southwick.....    | 63 11             |
|   | <hr/> \$29,616 09 |

The Treasurer credits himself with paying the following sums, viz:—

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| By paying 215 Town orders .....                              | \$12,895 47       |
| “ School department .....                                    | 2,796 27          |
| “ 2 notes new school building..                              | 650 00            |
| “ 2 notes anticipation of rev-<br>enue, 1916 .....           | 2,500 00          |
| “ 1 note general expense .....                               | 500 00            |
| “ 2 notes anticipation of rev-<br>enue, 1917 .....           | 6,000 00          |
| “ Interest on notes .....                                    | 380 33            |
| “ State Treasurer, state tax ..                              | 1,870 00          |
| “ County Treasurer, County<br>tax .....                      | 834 00            |
| “ Bureau of Statistics .....                                 | 6 00              |
| “ State Treasurer, penalty for<br>failure to make returns... | 4 00              |
| By cash on hand to balance .....                             | 1,180 02          |
|  | <hr/> \$29,616 09 |

## AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND.

## DR.

|   |          |            |
|---|----------|------------|
| To cash received L. T. Gaskill, treasurer<br>1916-1917, deposited in Milford<br>Savings Bank .....                | \$886 96 |            |
| To cash received deposited in Worcester<br>County Institution for Savings....                                     | 759 31   |            |
| To cash received from Selectmen account<br>unexpended from order No. 60, de-<br>posited in Milford Savings Bank.. | 6 83     |            |
| To cash received interest Milford Sav-<br>ings Bank .....   | 35 94    |            |
| To cash received interest Worcester<br>County Institution for Savings....   | 30 66    |            |
|   | <hr/>    | \$1,719 70 |

## CR.

|  |         |            |
|--|---------|------------|
| By cash paid two Town orders .....                                     | \$50 00 |            |
| By cash deposited in Milford Savings<br>Bank .....                     | 879 73  |            |
| By cash deposited in Worcester County<br>Institution for Savings ..... | 789 97  |            |
|  | <hr/>   | \$1,719 70 |

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD T. GASKILL,

Treasurer.

Mendon, January 1st, 1918.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 FUND.

## DR.

|                                      |          |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| To cash deposited in Milford Savings |          |          |
| Bank .....                           | \$559 20 |          |
| To cash received interest in Milford |          |          |
| Savings Bank .....                   | 22 58    |          |
|                                      | <hr/>    | \$581 78 |

## CR.

|                                      |          |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| By cash deposited in Milofrd Savings |          |          |
| Bank .....                           | \$581 78 |          |
|                                      | <hr/>    | \$581 78 |

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|  |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|
| The notes against the Town Januray 1st, 1918 are:— |            |            |
| 6 New school building notes, \$500 each            | \$3,000 00 |            |
| 6 New school building notes, \$150 each            | 900 00     |            |
| 1 Note anticipation of revenue .....               | 1,500 00   |            |
|  | <hr/>      | \$5,400 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD T. GASKILL,

Treasurer.

Mendon, January 1st, 1918.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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The Selectmen submit the following report of expenditures for the municipal year ending January 1, 1918.

### TOWN OFFICERS.

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Frank M. Aldrich, forest warden .....                               | \$10 00 |
| George M. Taft, auditor .....                                       | 6 00    |
| Charles H. Allen, assessor .....                                    | 90 00   |
| Charles A. Fletcher, assessor .....                                 | 75 00   |
| Samuel W. Wood, assessor .....                                      | 75 00   |
| Arthur E. Brown, constable, Sept. 1,<br>1916 to March 1, 1917 ..... | 12 50   |
| Frank M. Aldrich, fire warden .....                                 | 10 00   |
| Leonard T. Gaskill, tax collector, year<br>1915 .....               | 100 00  |
| Leonard T. Gaskill, treasurer, year<br>1917 .....                   | 100 00  |
| Moses U. Gaskill, selectman .....                                   | 50 00   |
| Edward T. Powers, selectman .....                                   | 35 00   |
| Luther W. Holbrook, selectman .....                                 | 30 00   |
| Moses U. Gaskill, overseer of poor ...                              | 45 00   |
| Edward T. Powers, overseer of poor ..                               | 6 00    |
| Luther W. Holbrook, overseer of poor ..                             | 6 00    |
| Arthur E. Brown, constable .....                                    | 25 00   |
| Charles H. Allen, town clerk and reg-<br>istrar .....               | 75 00   |
| Charles H. Allen, recording and index-<br>ing 14 births .....       | 7 00    |
| Charles H. Allen, recording and index-<br>ing 7 marriages .....     | 1 40    |

|   |       |          |
|---|-------|----------|
| Charles H. Allen, administering oaths<br>to 31 officers .....       | 7 75  |          |
| Charles H. Allen, sealer of weights and<br>measures less fees ..... | 6 69  |          |
| Charles H. Allen, recording and index-<br>ing 15 deaths .....       | 3 00  |          |
| Arthur E. Brown, dog officer .....                                  | 10 00 |          |
|   | <hr/> | \$786 34 |

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

|  |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|
| F. K. Brown, inspection of slaughtering              | \$27 50 |         |
| E. T. Powers, inspection of slaughter-<br>ing .....  | 3 00    |         |
| M. U. Gaskill, inspection of slaughter-<br>ing ..... | 2 00    |         |
| John C. Wood, inspection of slaughter-<br>ing .....  | 30 00   |         |
| Dr. F. H. Lally, fumigating three houses             | 12 00   |         |
|  | <hr/>   | \$74 50 |

## MOTH SCOUT.

|                                    |          |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Frank M. Aldrich .....             | \$252 07 |          |
| George M. Aldrich .....            | 40 00    |          |
| Carl Wilbur .....                  | 28 00    |          |
| George M. Taft, use of team .....  | 3 00     |          |
| Staples & Gould, supplies .....    | 1 00     |          |
| Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies ..... | 2 10     |          |
|                                    | <hr/>    | \$326 17 |

## TREE WARDEN.

|  |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|
| Joseph W. Crockett, labor on trees ....  | \$12 00 |         |
| Frank M. Aldrich, salary, labor and team | 47 50   |         |
| G. M. Billings, printing notices .....   | 2 25    |         |
|  | <hr/>   | \$61 75 |

## INCIDENTALS.

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Worcester County Abstract Co., assessors' supplies .....   | \$12 39 |
| Johnson & Ritz, moving furniture from bridge .....   | 26 00   |
| J. M. Demers, labor at bridge .....  | 5 00    |
| E. T. Powers, cash paid, labor and supplies .....  | 10 25   |
| Yale & Towne Mfg. Co., supplies .....  | 1 18    |
| Williams & Vincent, legal services ....  | 121 83  |
| Hobbs & Warren, cash book for treasurer  | 3 33    |
| Mathew Bender Co., law book .....  | 10 50   |
| Carter Ink Co., state record ink .....   | 42      |
| Arthur E. Brown, killing two unlicensed dogs .....   | 4 00    |
| Sanford Putnam Co., order book .....   | 13 00   |
| E. T. Powers, labor at watering tub....  | 6 50    |
| Arthur E. Brown, services in criminal case .....   | 5 00    |
| George K. Taft, caring for Town lawns  | 10 75   |
| Moses U. Gaskill, postage and telephone calls .....  | 1 10    |
| Herbert J. George, administering oaths   | 5 75    |
| W. A. Barry, weigh book .....  | 1 42    |
| M. U. Gaskill, inspector of animals ...  | 38 03   |
| Smith A. Steere, petition to County Commissioners relative to improvement of Providence road ..... | 3 00    |
| Louis H. Barney, coal for record room  | 37 25   |
| W. D. Howard .....   | 8 00    |
| W. and L. E. Gurley, sealer of weights and measures .....  | 4 52    |
| H. M. Burr, stamped envelopes .....  | 1 76    |
| New England Tel. & Tel. Co. for Town phone toll charges .....                                      | 88      |
| Worcester Suburban Elec. Co., Town   |         |



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|--|-------|----------|
| hall, record room and library, electric lights .....                   | 27 96 |          |
| Arthur E. Brown, services in criminal case .....                       | 29 72 |          |
| L. T. Gaskill, making returns to bureau of statistics .....            | 7 00  |          |
| L. T. Gaskill, postage stamps .....                                    | 11 00 |          |
| L. T. Gaskill, use of well .....                                       | 5 00  |          |
| L. T. Gaskill, cash paid for car fares .....                           | 10 32 |          |
| Charles H. Allen, sealing Town scales .....                            | 1 00  |          |
| Charles H. Allen, care of lawn and record rooms .....                  | 8 00  |          |
| Charles H. Allen, car fare and express..                               | 3 15  |          |
| Charles H. Allen, postage and telephone .....                          | 4 85  |          |
| Charles H. Allen, expenses to Town Clerks' meeting at Whitinsville.... | 1 50  |          |
|  | <hr/> | \$441 36 |

## BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

|                          |        |         |
|--------------------------|--------|---------|
| John J. Driscoll .....   | \$7 50 |         |
| Edward F. Driscoll ..... | 4 50   |         |
| Herbert J. George.....   | 9 00   |         |
| Arthur V. Pond .....     | 9 50   |         |
| Raymond J. Daley .....   | 6 50   |         |
|                          | <hr/>  | \$37 00 |

## POLICE.

|   |        |         |
|---|--------|---------|
| John J. Noyes, police duty July 3 and 4 .....   | \$4 00 |         |
| Arthur E. Brown, police duty July 3 and 4 ..... | 4 00   |         |
| Joseph Alves, police duty July 3 and 4 .....    | 4 00   |         |
|   | <hr/>  | \$12 00 |

## RETURNING DEATHS.

|                                       |        |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| W. W. Watson, returning 5 deaths .... | \$1 25 |        |
| G. W. Wood, returning 5 deaths .....  | 1 25   |        |
|                                       | <hr/>  | \$2 50 |

## TOWN HALL BUILDING.

|   |         |          |
|---|---------|----------|
| Smith A. Steere, repairs .....          | \$84 64 |          |
| E. H. Taft, wood .....                  | 24 30   |          |
| Staples & Gould, supplies .....         | 5 60    |          |
| Otis Whitney & Son, flag-pole .....     | 10 95   |          |
| Arthur E. Brown, Janitor .....          | 80 00   |          |
| Moore & Shattuck, supplies .....        | 1 06    |          |
| Arthur E. Brown, erecting booth .....   | 4 00    |          |
| F. C. Townsend, repairs .....           | 35 60   |          |
| Charles H. Allen, repairs .....         | 6 16    |          |
| L. T. Gaskill, cash paid mending flag.. | 1 00    |          |
|   | <hr/>   | \$253 31 |

## PRINTING AND SUPPLIES.

|                          |          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Milford Journal Co. .... | \$103 07 |          |
| Milford Daily News ..... | 47 75    |          |
| G. M. Billings .....     | 19 75    |          |
| A. W. Brownell .....     | 7 20     |          |
|                          | <hr/>    | \$177 77 |

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Order to Overseers of Poor ..... | \$1,510 47 |
|----------------------------------|------------|

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Order to School Committee ..... | \$4,025 00 |
|---------------------------------|------------|

## TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Order to Trustees of Taft Pub. Library | \$283 04 |
|--|----------|

## STATE AID TO PENSIONERS.

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| State aid to pensioners, Chap. 587, Acts<br>of 1914, 12 months ..... | \$216 00 |
|--|----------|

## AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND.

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Austin Wood Relief Fund ..... | \$50 00 |
|-------------------------------|---------|

## REPAIRS TO ROADS AND BRIDGES.

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Orders to Highway Department ..... | \$4,393 36 |
|------------------------------------|------------|

MONEY FROM STREET RAILWAY COMPANIES TO BE  
EXPENDED ON HIGHWAYS.

|                                     |          |            |
|-------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Milford & Uxbridge St. Ry. Co. .... | \$238 78 |            |
| M. A. & W. St. Ry. Co. ....         | 42 50    |            |
| Worcester Suburban .....            | 741 74   |            |
| State Treasurer, St. Ry. tax .....  | 921 12   |            |
|                                     | <hr/>    | \$1,944 14 |

## STREET LIGHTING.

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Worcester Suburban Electric Co. .... | \$309 96 |
|--------------------------------------|----------|

## OLD CEMETERY.

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Alonzo E. Brown, labor ..... | \$47 00 |
|------------------------------|---------|

## MEMORIAL DAY.

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Memorial Day Committee ..... | \$60 00 |
|------------------------------|---------|

## FIRE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING FOREST FIRES.

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Arthur E. Brown, storing fire apparatus                 | \$9 00 |
| Samuel W. Wood, repairs on fire station                 | 5 25   |
| F. M. Aldrich, bottles, telephone<br>charges, etc. .... | 4 92   |

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| F. M. Aldrich, L. Wise and P. O.<br>Gaskill, fires .....           | 10 00   |
| F. M. Aldrich, charging and transport-<br>ing extinguishers .....  | 3 50    |
| Jackson fire, pay roll .....                                       | 5 40    |
| Samuel W. Wood, labor and supplies,<br>fire station .....          | 3 05    |
| Town of Hopedale, Frank Taft fire....                              | 10 00   |
| W. C. Tewksbury & Co., labor and sup-<br>plies, fire station ..... | 8 45    |
| Worcester Suburban Electric Co., heat<br>for fire station .....    | 2 80    |
| Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies .....                                 | 2 00    |
| W. and B. Douglas, pump .....                                      | 12 00   |
| W. A. Barry, supplies for fire station                             | 2 00    |
|  | <hr/>   |
|  | \$78 37 |

The Selectmen report the liabilities and assets of the town as follows:

#### LIABILITIES.

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| 6 New school building notes, \$500 each | \$3,000 00 |
| 6 New school building notes, \$150 each | 900 00     |
| 1 Note anticipation of revenue .....    | 1,500 00   |
|   | <hr/>      |
|   | \$5,400 00 |

#### ASSETS.

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Due from Collector, 1915 .....                               | \$18 20    |
| Due from Collector, 1916 .....                               | 337 76     |
| Due from Collector, 1917 .....                               | 2,855 18   |
| Due from State account, State Aid for<br>1917 .....          | 216 00     |
| Due from State account, Tuition Indus-<br>trial School ..... | 46 61      |
| Due from State account, Mother's Aid                         | 30 00      |
| Due from State account, State road ...                       | 361 08     |
| Due from County account, State road ..                       | 361 08     |
| Cash on hand .....   | 1,180 02   |
|  | <hr/>      |
|  | \$5,405 93 |

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1917.

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Support of Schools .....   | \$4,000 00 |
| School Physician .....   | 25 00      |
| Support of Poor .....  | 1,500 00   |
| Repairs of Roads and Bridges, including St. Ry. taxes              | 2,944 14   |
| Taft Public Library .....  | 300 00     |
| Interest .....   | 400 00     |
| Town Debt .....  | 1,150 00   |
| Incidentals .....  | 800 00     |
| Salaries of Town Officers .....                                    | 800 00     |
| Board of Health .....  | 200 00     |
| Fire Department, including forest fire fighting ....               | 200 00     |
| Soldiers' Relief .....   | 50 00      |
| Tree Warden .....  | 50 00      |
| Moth Scout .....   | 300 00     |
| Street Lights .....  | 310 00     |
| Repairs of Highways in connection with Highway<br>Commission ..... | 500 00     |
| Memorial Day .....   | 60 00      |
| Care of Old Cemetery .....   | 50 00      |
| Suppression of Liquor Selling and Vice .....                       | 50 00      |
| Repairs on State Highway at South Milford .....                    | 500 00     |

## RECAPITULATION.

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Town officers .....                     | \$786 34 |
| Board of Health .....                   | 74 50    |
| Moth scout .....                        | 326 17   |
| Tree Warden .....                       | 61 75    |
| Street lighting .....                   | 309 96   |
| Old Cemetery .....                      | 47 00    |
| Memorial Day .....                      | 60 00    |
| Fire Department, including forest fires | 78 37    |
| Incidentals .....                       | 923 94   |
| Support of Poor .....                   | 1,510 47 |
| Support of Schools and School physician | 4,025 00 |

|                           |          |             |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Taft Public Library ..... | 283 04   |             |
| State Aid .....           | 216 00   |             |
| State Roads .....         | 2,031 28 |             |
| Roads and bridges .....   | 2,362 08 |             |
|                           | <hr/>    | \$13,095 90 |

Respectfully submitted,

MOSES U. GASKILL,  
EDWARD T. POWERS,  
LUTHER W. HOLBROOK,

Selectmen of Mendon.

January 24, 1918.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

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1914.

DR.

|  |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|
| To balance uncollected January 1st, 1917 | \$46 00 |         |
| Interest received .....                  | 7 74    |         |
|  | \$53 74 | \$53 74 |

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|                              |         |         |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|
| By cash paid Treasurer ..... | \$53 74 |         |
|                              | \$53 74 | \$53 74 |

LEONARD T. GASKILL,

Collector of Taxes, 1914.

Mendon, January 1, 1918.

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1915.

DR.

|  |          |          |
|--|----------|----------|
| To balance uncollected January 1, 1917 | \$341 77 |          |
| Interest received .....                | 34 33    |          |
|  | \$376 10 | \$376 10 |

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|                              |          |          |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| By cash paid Treasurer ..... | \$355 90 |          |
| Abatements .....             | 2 00     |          |
| Amount uncollected .....     | 18 20    |          |
|                              | \$376 10 | \$376 10 |

LEONARD T. GASKILL,

Collector of Taxes, 1915.

Mendon, January 1, 1918.

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1916.

DR.

|  |                   |            |
|--|-------------------|------------|
| To balance uncollected January 1, 1917 | \$2,822 09        |            |
| Interest received .....                | 84 42             |            |
|  | <u>          </u> | \$2,906 51 |

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|                              |                   |            |
|------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| By cash paid Treasurer ..... | \$2,550 30        |            |
| Abatements .....             | 18 45             |            |
| Amount uncollected .....     | 337 76            |            |
|                              | <u>          </u> | \$2,906 51 |

LEONARD T. GASKILL,

Collector of Taxes, 1916.

Mendon, January 1, 1918.

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1917.

DR.

|  |                   |             |
|--|-------------------|-------------|
| To taxes committed for collection .... | \$13,218 66       |             |
| Additional Assessments .....           | 1,040 87          |             |
| Interest received .....                | 23 61             |             |
|  | <u>          </u> | \$14,283 14 |

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|                              |                   |             |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| By cash paid Treasurer ..... | \$11,427 96       |             |
| Amount uncollected .....     | 2,855 18          |             |
|                              | <u>          </u> | \$14,283 14 |

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD T. GASKILL,

Collector of Taxes, 1917.

Mendon, January 1, 1918.



# REPORT OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

## RESOURCES.

|  |            |                  |
|--|------------|------------------|
| Appropriation .....                      | \$1,000 00 |                  |
| Excise tax, street railways .....        | 1,023 02   |                  |
| State Treasurer, street railway tax .... | 921 12     |                  |
|  |            | <hr/> \$2,944 14 |

## EXPENDITURES.

### CLEARING ROADS AND PATHS OF SNOW, (LABOR.)

|                         |         |               |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------|
| C. A. Fletcher .....    | \$11 25 |               |
| Geo. B. Cromb .....     | 14 37   |               |
| Nils Carlstrom .....    | 5 00    |               |
| Leon A. Paddock .....   | 1 25    |               |
| J. Wheelock Towne ..... | 1 25    |               |
| Harold Wheeler .....    | 2 50    |               |
| John Towne .....        | 5 00    |               |
| Manuel Rogers .....     | 6 88    |               |
| Ralph Harding .....     | 1 88    |               |
| L. W. Holbrook .....    | 75      |               |
| Bert Harding .....      | 4 38    |               |
| Harold Steere .....     | 2 50    |               |
| Harold Cannon .....     | 2 50    |               |
|                         |         | <hr/> \$59 51 |

### TEAMS.

|                      |         |               |
|----------------------|---------|---------------|
| C. A. Fletcher ..... | \$49 00 |               |
| Frank Harding .....  | 21 75   |               |
| Ralph Phillips ..... | 21 75   |               |
| P. T. Kinsley .....  | 4 50    |               |
|                      |         | <hr/> \$97 00 |

|                                       |         |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| W. C. Robinson & Sons, team and labor | \$61 70 |         |
| W. G. Larking, team and labor .....   | 8 00    |         |
| E. H. Taft, team and labor .....      | 8 46    |         |
| Wm. Irons, team and labor .....       | 9 10    |         |
|                                       | <hr/>   | \$87 26 |

## LABOR ON HIGHWAYS.

|                          |         |          |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|
| John Towne .....         | \$87 92 |          |
| Edw. Tancrelle .....     | 136 67  |          |
| Joseph Stenson .....     | 60 15   |          |
| A. E. Brown .....        | 91 67   |          |
| Edw. Cook .....          | 14 65   |          |
| Nils Carlstrom .....     | 47 50   |          |
| Joseph Taylor .....      | 79 67   |          |
| Oscar Courtemanche ..... | 35 00   |          |
| I. O. Rhodes .....       | 5 00    |          |
| Felix Brothers .....     | 2 50    |          |
| Harold Steere .....      | 16 25   |          |
| L. W. Holbrook .....     | 327 00  |          |
| Walter Moore .....       | 47 50   |          |
| Frank Brown .....        | 29 17   |          |
| Nathan Towne .....       | 13 75   |          |
| John C. Wood .....       | 50      |          |
| Earle Gaskill .....      | 2 50    |          |
|                          | <hr/>   | \$997 40 |

## TEAMS.

|                     |          |          |
|---------------------|----------|----------|
| P. T. Kinsley ..... | \$311 00 |          |
| Wm. Irons .....     | 276 00   |          |
| Joseph Taylor ..... | 228 75   |          |
|                     | <hr/>    | \$815 75 |

## GRAVEL.

|  |          |            |
|--|----------|------------|
| Felix Brothers .....                                   | \$3 00   |            |
| Pierre Girrouard .....                                 | 3 40     |            |
| Joseph Lamothe .....                                   | 3 00     |            |
| Merril Wheelock .....                                  | 2 40     |            |
| Austin A. Taft, Est. of .....                          | 1 70     |            |
| Geo. E. Phillips .....                                 | 6 20     |            |
| C. A. Fletcher .....                                   | 56 40    |            |
| D. H. Barnes .....                                     | 70       |            |
| M. U. Gaskill .....                                    | 2 90     |            |
| Alpha Tancrelle .....                                  | 80       |            |
| W. W. Barr .....                                       | 16 20    |            |
| H. A. Thayer .....                                     | 1 90     |            |
| Lizzie Fletcher .....                                  | 2 40     |            |
| Wm. Irons .....  | 5 30     |            |
| M. & U. St. Ry. Co. ....                               | 2 70     |            |
|  |          | <hr/>      |
|  |          | \$109 00   |
| M. & U. St. Ry. Co., flat car, carting<br>gravel ..... | \$67 50  |            |
| C. A. Fletcher, 836 ft. in. plank .....                | \$25 08  |            |
| M. U. Gaskill, 3 ch. posts .....                       | 60       |            |
| C. H. Ballou & Son, plank and stringers .....          | 17 76    |            |
| John F. Powers, labor and team work..                  | 39 00    |            |
| N. E. Road Mach. Co., steel blade ....                 | 9 57     |            |
| Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies .....                     | 6 25     |            |
| W. A. Barry, labor and supplies .....                  | 13 95    |            |
| H. W. Gaskill, repairing culvert .....                 | 3 00     |            |
| Harry Taft. labor and supplies .....                   | 9 00     |            |
| L. W. Holbrook, telephone tolls and<br>supplies .....  | 4 45     |            |
|  |          | <hr/>      |
|  |          | \$128 66   |
|  |          | <hr/>      |
|  |          | \$2,362 08 |
| Unexpended .....                                       | \$582 06 |            |

## STATE ROAD, NORTH AVENUE.

|                         |  |          |
|-------------------------|--|----------|
| Balance from 1916 ..... |  | \$465 24 |
|-------------------------|--|----------|

## EXPENSES (LABOR.)

|                      |         |         |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| Joseph Stenson ..... | \$12 50 |         |
| Nils Carlstrom ..... | 11 25   |         |
| Joseph Taylor .....  | 14 38   |         |
| L. W. Holbrook ..... | 19 50   |         |
| E. T. Powers .....   | 2 00    |         |
|                      | <hr/>   | \$59 63 |

## TEAMS.

|   |         |           |
|---|---------|-----------|
| P. T. Kinsley .....                                       | \$33 00 |           |
| Wm. Irons .....   | 21 00   |           |
|   | <hr/>   | \$54 00   |
| Walter A. Gaskill, gravel .....                           | \$1 60  |           |
| Town of Milford, steam roller .....                       | 80 00   |           |
| Town of Milford, watering cart .....                      | 6 00    |           |
| M. & U. St. Ry. Co., repairs for Jack                     | 3 80    |           |
| H. M. Curtiss Coal Co., coal .....                        | 8 50    |           |
| Thomas Carmondy, use of pump .....                        | 10 00   |           |
| D. H. Barnes, carting pump .....                          | 4 00    |           |
| C. A. Fletcher, freight and carting stone<br>bounds ..... | 3 00    |           |
|   | <hr/>   | \$116 90  |
|   |         | <hr/>     |
|   |         | \$230 53  |
| Unexpended .....  |         | \$ 234 71 |

## STATE ROAD, NORTH AVENUE.

## RESOURCES.

|                                |          |            |
|--------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Apropriation .....             | \$500 00 |            |
| State Highway Commission ..... | 500 00   |            |
| County Commissioners .....     | 500 00   |            |
|                                | <hr/>    | \$1,500 00 |

## EXPENDITURES (LABOR.)

|                      |         |          |
|----------------------|---------|----------|
| John Towne .....     | \$60 00 |          |
| A. E. Brown .....    | 60 00   |          |
| Edw. Tancrelle ..... | 50 00   |          |
| Harold Steere .....  | 60 00   |          |
| Frank Brown .....    | 58 75   |          |
| Everett Ballou ..... | 22 50   |          |
| L. W. Holbrook ..... | 72 00   |          |
|                      | <hr/>   | \$383 25 |

## TEAMS.

|                                   |          |            |
|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| P. T. Kinsley .....               | \$144 00 |            |
| Wm. Irons .....                   | 120 00   |            |
| M. U. Gaskill .....               | 114 00   |            |
| Joseph Taylor .....               | 102 00   |            |
| Frank Harding .....               | 72 00    |            |
| Earle Gaskill .....               | 84 00    |            |
|                                   | <hr/>    | \$636 00   |
| M. U. Gaskill, gravel .....       | \$59 50  |            |
| Staples & Gould, drain pipe ..... | 4 50     |            |
|                                   | <hr/>    | \$64 00    |
|                                   |          | <hr/>      |
|                                   |          | \$1,083 25 |
| Unexpended .....                  |          | \$416 75   |

## STATE ROAD, EAST MENDON.

## RESOURCES.

|                                |          |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation .....            | \$500 00 |          |
| State Highway Commission ..... | 358 75   |          |
|                                | <hr/>    | \$858 75 |

## EXPENDITURES (LABOR.)

|                          |         |          |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|
| Oscar Courtemanche ..... | \$42 50 |          |
| Henry Moore .....        | 25 00   |          |
| Thomas McTurk .....      | 5 00    |          |
| L. W. Holbrook .....     | 51 00   |          |
|                          | <hr/>   | \$123 50 |

## TEAMS.

|                        |          |          |
|------------------------|----------|----------|
| Wm. Irons .....        | \$132 00 |          |
| Chas. E. Pinkham ..... | 24 00    |          |
|                        | <hr/>    | \$156 00 |

## GRAVEL.

|  |         |          |
|--|---------|----------|
| Abbie E. O'Connor .....                  | \$14 20 |          |
| Swan P. Pierson .....                    | 2 25    |          |
|  | <hr/>   | \$16 45  |
| Standard Oil Co., 12 barrels road oil... | \$52 65 |          |
| N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight on oil  | 5 34    |          |
| D. E. Ward, carting oil to pit .....     | 4 00    |          |
| H. M. Curtiss Coal Co., coal and kind-   |         |          |
| lings .....                              | 14 69   |          |
| Town of Hopedale, steam roller .....     | 90 00   |          |
| Town of Bellingham, oiling street be-    |         |          |
| tween Bellingham and Hopedale..          | 36 64   |          |
| M. & U. St. Ry. Co., labor and car       |         |          |
| sprinkler .....                          | 17 80   |          |
|  | <hr/>   | \$221 12 |
|  |         | \$517 07 |

## UNPAID BILLS.

|                                     |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Mass. Highway Commission, 3000 gal. |          |          |
| oil .....                           | \$187 50 |          |
| Mass. Highway Commission, Demurrage |          |          |
| on car .....                        | 12 93    |          |
|                                     | <hr/>    | \$200 43 |
|                                     |          | <hr/>    |
|                                     |          | \$717 50 |
| Unexpended .....                    |          | \$141 25 |

LUTHER W. HOLBROOK,

Superintendent of Streets.

## TREE WARDEN'S REPORT.

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|                                  |   |         |
|----------------------------------|---|---------|
| Appropriation .....              |   | \$50 00 |
| F. M. Aldrich, repair pump ..... | \$6 50  |         |
| Jos. Crockett, trees .....       | 12 00   |         |
| F. M. Aldrich, pruning .....     | 31 00   |         |
|                                  | <hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> | \$49 50 |
| Unexpended balance .....         |   | 50      |

F. M. ALDRICH,

Tree Warden,

## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the municipal year ending Jan. 1, 1918.

### RESOURCES.

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$1,500 00 |
|---------------------|------------|

### EXPENDITURES.

|  |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|
| For support of six persons having settlement in Mendon .....                       | \$1,365 33 |            |
| City of Boston, care of one person having settlement in Mendon .....               | 17 14      |            |
| Doctor's bills, funeral and burial of one person having settlement in Mendon ..... | 38 00      |            |
| Milford Hospital, care of one person having no settlement in Mendon .....          | 42 00      |            |
| Town of Milford, care of one person having no settlement in Mendon..               | 15 00      |            |
| Transportation of one person having no settlement in Mendon .....                  | 3 00       |            |
| Mother's Aid account .....   | 30 00      |            |
|  | <hr/>      | \$1,510 47 |
| Amount overdrawn .....   |            | \$10 47    |

Respectfully submitted,  
 MOSES U. GASKILL,  
 EDWARD T. POWERS,  
 LUTHER W. HOLBROOK,  
 Overseers of Poor.

Mendon, Jan. 23, 1918.



## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

### DOGS LICENSED IN 1917.

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| 87 male dogs.....           | \$174 00 |
| 8 female dogs.....          | 40 00    |
|                             | \$214 00 |
| Clerk's fees .....          | 19 00    |
|                             | \$195 00 |
| Paid County Treasurer ..... |          |

### BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1917.

| Date of<br>Birth<br>1917. | Name of Child.                   | Parents with Maiden<br>Name of Mother.    |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Jan. 4.                   | Albina Getti,                    | Antonio Getti and Marie Tognetti.         |
| Jan. 16.                  | Merton Forbes Barrows,           | Roy A. and Florence Forbes.               |
| Feb. 7.                   | Alfred Francis Caton<br>Anthony, | Alves Joseph C. and Flora R. Cote.        |
| Feb. 14.                  | Daniel Hiscock Taft,             | Clarence A. and Mary E. Benner.           |
| Feb. 21.                  | Edwin Lorenzo Miller,            | Ernest F. and Elizabeth Mc-               |
| Mar. 18.                  | Louise Adaline Daven-<br>port,   | Cracken.<br>Ora P. and Florence Northrop. |
| Mar. 30.                  | Harold Irving Miller,            | Archibald and Rose Wheeler.               |
| Apr. 11.                  | Evelyn May Rendo,                | Joseph and Bessie M. Hogarth.             |
| June 29.                  | Earl Dalton,                     | John E. and Bertha Howe.                  |
| Sept. 3.                  | Edward Thomas Powers,            | Edward T. and Cecelia G. Conway.          |
| Sept. 8.                  | Erle Warner Gaskill,             | Erle F. and Myrtle M. Warner.             |
| Sept. 11.                 | Ethel Freeloove Ballou,          | Everett and Minnie Green.                 |
| Sept. 12.                 | Franklin Wood White,             | Edgar L. and Lillian Freeman.             |
| Oct. 1.                   | John Dorman Cochrane,            | John D. and Lizzie Dawson.                |
| Nov. 17.                  | Ethel M. Cook,                   | Lester E. and Ida Nutter.                 |
| Dec. 18.                  | Doris Adelaide Leonard,          | John S. and Althea A. Knights.            |

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1917.

| Date of<br>Marriage.<br>1917. | Name of Groom and Bride.                           | Residence.                         |
|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Mar. 29.                      | Arthur Everett Ellison,<br>Carrie Amber Cromb,     | Uxbridge, Mass.<br>Mendon, Mass.   |
| June 4.                       | Bernard M. Hartshorn,<br>Mary Etta Smith,          | Uxbridge, Mass.<br>Mendon, Mass.   |
| July 23.                      | Aldor Oliver Lemieux,<br>Florida Julia Grandpre.   | Mendon, Mass.<br>Bellingham, Mass. |
| Aug. 20.                      | Earl G. Crockett,<br>Lucilla G. Rogers,            | Milford, Mass.<br>Mendon, Mass.    |
| Aug. 27.                      | Clifford Nelson Pierce,<br>Ellen Elizabeth Miller, | Mendon, Mass.<br>Providence, R. I. |
| Dec. 29.                      | Herbert Allen Alger,<br>Gertrude May Hobbs,        | Mendon, Mass.<br>Mendon, Mass.     |

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## DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1917.

| Date of<br>Death.<br>1917. | Name.                      | Y. | Age.<br>M. | D.     |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----|------------|--------|
| Jan. 16.                   | Jason Smith,               | 83 | 10         | 29     |
| Jan. 30.                   | Julius Allen George,       | 75 |            | 7      |
| Feb. 3.                    | Nancy Caroline George,     | 53 | 3          | 16     |
| Feb. 11.                   | Luther Ellis Taft,         | 88 | 11         | 16     |
| Feb. 19.                   | Austin Augustus Taft,      | 88 | 9          | 10     |
| May 2.                     | Charles Wesley Arrand,     | 73 | 9          |        |
| June 30.                   | Clothilde V. Lemieux,      | 53 |            | 13     |
| July 3.                    | Charles Adin Brown,        | 33 | 11         | 11     |
| July 9.                    | Otis Jackson Cole,         | 68 | 2          | 7      |
| Sept. 23.                  | Willis E. Lynn,            | 63 | 5          | 17     |
| Oct. 1.                    | John Dorman Cochrane, Jr., |    |            | 4 hrs. |
| Oct. 6.                    | Maria F. Howard,           | 94 | 10         | 10     |
| Oct. 14.                   | Charles E. Knights,        | 60 | 4          | 14     |
| Nov. 7.                    | Thomas S. Litchfield,      | 71 | 8          | 18     |
| Nov. 21.                   | Leon A. Paddock,           | 43 | 8          | 24     |

If errors or omissions are discovered in the list of births, marriages and deaths, report them to the town clerk, that the record may be corrected. Section 6 of Chapter 29 of the Revised Laws requires that "Parents within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the city or town in which such child is born. Every householder in whose house a death occurs, shall, within five days thereafter cause notice thereof to be given to the board of health, or, if the selectmen constitute such board, to the town clerk." Section 29 of Chapter 151 of the Revised Laws reads as follows: "If a marriage is solemnized in another state between parties living in this commonwealth, who return to dwell here, they shall, within seven days after their return, file with the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which either of them lived at the time of their marriage a certificate or declaration of their marriage, including the facts relative to marriages which are required by law, and for neglect thereof shall forfeit ten dollars."

Blanks for the return of all vital records can be obtained from the town clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. ALLEN,

Town Clerk.

Mendon, January 1, 1918.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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There are not so many material improvements to report at the library as last year. The lighting and heating systems have been put into good condition, and seem likely to remain satisfactory for some time. Perhaps a couple of hot air flues leading to the northerly corners of the room should be added before the system can be considered complete.

The circulation for the year shows a slight decrease in comparison with the previous year. This may be due to the fact that since the entrance of our own country into the world war, people read the daily papers more and consequently patronize the library less. It is to be hoped that next year will show an increase.

Practically one-third of the books circulated during the year were non-fiction. This is a very creditable showing, as the vast majority of people read for entertainment rather than for enlightenment. A certain exceedingly well read man once told me that he happened to read Carlyle's French Revolution when he was about twenty years of age. He was so fascinated by the work that he resolved then and there if truth was so interesting, never to read another book of fiction. Probably this is an extreme case, but it is certain that fiction is not the only interesting reading in a library.

The magazine department is pretty well stocked and is well patronized, more than one-fourth of the entire circulation of the library being from this department. This is further proof of the inclination of the people of Mendon to choose good reading.

Juvenile literature formed a good proportion of the books added during the past year. It is a wise policy to keep this de-

partment well supplied with the best of children's books, as it will tend to fix the habit of good reading early in life.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN L. WILSON,

MOSES U. GASKILL,

LYMAN COOK,

F. G. ATWELL,

Trustees of Taft Public Library.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY:—

The circulation for the year was 6272. The largest for one week was 174, the smallest 81, the average 120 plus. The circulation by classes was as follows: fiction, 4028; magazines, 1607; bound magazines, 52; biography, 75; travel, 54; history, 90; literature, 110; useful and fine arts, 151; science, 39; all others, 66.

The number of books now in the library is approximately 6010. There have been 144 added the past year. Of those 93 were bought by the town and 51 were given as follows: Massachusetts Library Commission, 37; Secretary of the Commonwealth, 11; Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 1; Doubleday, Page & Co., 1; National Security Laegue, 1

The library subscribes for the *Century*, *Harper's Monthly*, *Scribner's*, *Munsey*, *National Geographic*, *Field and Stream*, *Illustrated World*, *Scientific American*, *St. Nicholas*, *Woman's Home Companion* and *Ladies' Home Journal*.

The Library Commission gives us the *World's Work*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Public Libraries*, *Popular Mechanics* and *American Boy*. The *Musical Messenger*, *Choir*, and *Our Dumb Animals* are given by the publishers; the *Atlantic* by Paul Williams, and bundles of *Current Magazines* are frequently sent to the library by Miss C. R. Seabury. Many pamphlets on various subjects, most of them connected with the war, have been received.

Books have been sent to Albeeville as in previous years, also many books are circulated from the Grammar and Intermediate rooms at the Center. If an account of these was kept, it would add considerably to the circulation record.



\$10.05 was received for fines; \$1.16 for old paper; 25 cents for lamp, and \$1.65 for damage to books.

Respectfully submitted,

LENA W. GEORGE,

Librarian.

Mendon, Jan. 1, 1918.

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### BOOKS ADDED IN 1917.

#### Fiction:—

Abington Abbey. Archibald Marshall.  
 Adventures of Jimmie Dale. F. L. Packard.  
 Anne's House of Dreams. L. M. Montgomery.  
 Barnabetta. H. R. Martin.  
 Calvary Alley. A. H. Rice.  
 Cap'n Warren's Wards. J. C. Lincoln.  
 Carmen's Messenger. Harold Bindloss.  
 Changing Winds. S. G. Ervine.  
 Christine. Alice Cholmondeley.  
 Colonel Carter's Christmas. F. H. Smith.  
 Contrary Mary. Temple Bailey.  
 Country Child. Grant Showerman.  
 Definite Object. Jeffrey Farnol.  
 Diversity of Creatures. Rudyard Kipling.  
 El Supremo. E. L. White.  
 Emma McChesney & Co. Edna Ferber.  
 Extricating Obadiah. J. C. Lincoln.  
 Glory of Clementina. W. J. Locke.  
 Good Old Anna. Mrs. Belloc Loundes.  
 Great Possessions. David Grayson.  
 Greenmantle. John Buchan.

Heart of O Sono San. Elizabeth Cooper.  
 Hepsey Burke. F. N. Westcott.  
 Herself, Himself and Myself. Ruth Sawyer.  
 His Family. Ernest Poole.  
 Hundredth Chance. E. M. Dell.  
 In Happy Valley. John Fox, Jr.  
 Indian Drum. Wm. MacHarg and E. Balmer.  
 "K." M. R. Rinehart.  
 Knave of Diamonds. E. M. Dell.  
 Long Live the King. M. R. Rinehart.  
 Maxwell Mystery. Carolyn Wells.  
 Mrs. Red Pepper. G. S. Richmond.  
 Music Master. Charles Klein.  
 Once to Every Man. Larry Evans.  
 Penrod and Sam. Booth Tarkington.  
 Power and the Glory. G. M. Cooke.  
 Preacher of Cedar Mountain. E. T. Seton.  
 Right of the Strongest. F. N. Greene.  
 Salt of the Earth. Mrs. Alfred Sidgwick.  
 Secret of the Reef. Harold Bindloss.  
 Secret Witness. George Gibbs.  
 Sube Cane. E. B. Partridge.  
 Then I'll Come Back to You. Larry Evans.  
 Till the Clock Stops. J. J. Bell.  
 Top Floor Idyl. George Van Schaick.  
 Trevor Case. N. S. Lincoln.  
 Twenty-fourth of June. G. S. Richmond.  
 Under Fire. Henri Barbusse.  
 Understood Betsy. Dorthy Canfield.  
 Who Goes There. R. W. Chambers.  
 Woman Haters. J. C. Lincoln.

Juveniles:—

Adventures of Buffalo Bill. W. F. Cody.  
 Bilthe McBride. B. M. Dix.  
 Boone, Daniel. C. H. T. Lindsay.  
 Boy Scouts in a Trapper's Camp. T. W. Burgess.



- Boy's Book of Firemen. Irving Crump.  
 Boy's Life of Mark Twain. A. B. Paine.  
 Children's Book of Thanksgiving Stories. A. D. Dickinson.  
 Danny Fists. Walter Camp.  
 Don Strong. Wm. Heyliger.  
 Europe. N. B. Allen.  
 Five Babbitts at Bonny Acres. W. A. Dyer.  
 Golden Numbers. K. D. Wiggin and N. A. Smith.  
 Harper's Aircraft Book. A. H. Verrill.  
 Heroes of the Farthest North. J. K. Maclean.  
 Heroes of Today. M. R. Parkman.  
 Heroines of Service. M. R. Parkman.  
 Home Book of Verse. B. E. Stevenson.  
 In Camp with the Muscody Camp Fire Girls.  
 A. E. Blanchard.  
 In Desert and Wilderness. H. Sienkiewicz.  
 Joyful Star. E. N. Partridge.  
 Joyous Story of Toto. L. E. Richards.  
 Lance of Kanana. H. W. French.  
 Last of the Chiefs. J. A. Altsheler.  
 Little Girl's Sewing Book. F. Klickman.  
 Little Stories of France. M. B. Dutton.  
 Merry Animal Tales. M. A. Bigham.  
 Merrylips. B. M. Dix.  
 Mother West Wind's Animal Friends. T. W. Burgess.  
 Pilgrims of Today. M. H. Wade.  
 Revere, Paul. Belle Moses.  
 Short Stories for Short People. Alicia Aspinwall.  
 Stories of Famous Pictures, 2 vols. E. M. Powers.  
 Stories of the Indian Children. M. H. Husted.  
 Talks to Young People. C. H. Wilson.  
 To the Land of the Caribou. P. G. Tomlinson.  
 Tommy Trot's Visit to Santa Claus. T. N. Page.  
 Treasure of the Land. Garrard Harris.  
 Waring Girls. E. D. Deland.  
 What to Draw. E. G. Lutz.  
 When Life is Young. M. M. Dodge.

When the King Came. George Hodges.  
 With the Men Who Do Things. A. R. Bond.  
 Wolf Hunters. G. B. Grinnell.  
 Youth's Companion Series, 12 vols.

Non-Fiction :—

Adirondacks. T. N. Longstreth.  
 Ambulance No. 10. Leslie Buswell.  
 Basis of Durable Peace. Cosmos.  
 Better Meals for Less Money. Mary Green.  
 Feeding the Family. M. S. Rose.  
 George Lloyd. Frank Dilnot.  
 Getting Together. Ian Hay.  
 History First Regiment Heavy Artillery. A. S. Roe.  
 Layman's Handbook of Medicine. R. C. Cabot.  
 Life of the Grasshopper. J. H. Fabre.  
 My Four Years is Germany. J. W. Gerard.  
 My Home in the Field of Honor. F. W. Huard.  
 Over the Top. A. G. Empey.  
 Out of Their Own Mouths.  
 Secrets of the Submarine. M. F. Hay.  
 Stars and Stripes. C. W. Stewart.  
 Stock Exchange from Within. W. C. Van Antwerp.  
 Story of the Submarine. Farnham Bishop.  
 Successful Canning. Ola Powell.  
 Tennyson, Alfred. R. M. Alden.  
 Vagabonding Down the Andes. H. A. Franck.  
 Vital Records of Chelsea, Granville, Greenfield, East  
     Bridgewater, Gloucester, Salem and Uxbridge.  
 War Poetry, Treasury of. G. H. Clarke, ed.  
 Washington. W. H. Taft and James Bryce.  
 West Point. R. C. Richardson.  
 With the Turks in Palestine. Alex Aaronson.

## Finance Committee Report.

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The Finance Committee of the Taft Public Library submit the following report for the municipal year ending December 31, 1917.

### RESOURCES.

|                                      |          |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation .....                  | \$300 00 |          |
| Balance from last year .....         | 7 63     |          |
| Fines .....                          | 10 05    |          |
| Old papers, lamp, damaged books .... | 3 06     |          |
|                                      | <hr/>    | \$320 74 |

### EXPENDITURES.

|   |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|
| Lena W. George, librarian .....                                 | \$100 00 |          |
| Charles H. Gillis, Janitor .....                                | 19 50    |          |
| W. S. Electric Light Co. ....                                   | 2 00     |          |
| H. W. Wilson Co., Reader's Guide ....                           | 4 00     |          |
| H. S. Chadbourne, grate .....                                   | 2 25     |          |
| Edward F. Driscoll, magazines .....                             | 20 90    |          |
| Jacob R. Brown, glass and labor .....                           | 85       |          |
| Denholm & McKay Co., books .....                                | 13 23    |          |
| Lewis H. Barney, Estate, coal .....                             | 11 00    |          |
| Edwin L. Wilson, book, postage, labor<br>and stovepipe .....    | 4 33     |          |
| Lena W. George, books, express, etc...                          | 5 53     |          |
| Boylston Pub. Co., Stars and Stripes book                       | 75       |          |
| G. M. Billings, delivery slips .....                            | 1 00     |          |
| H. M. Curtiss Coal Co., coal .....                              | 20 50    |          |
| Old Corner Book Store, books .....                              | 73 45    |          |
| Mrs. Sumner Allen, carrying books to<br>Albeeville school ..... | 3 00     |          |
| G. M. Taft, labor .....   | 75       |          |
|   | <hr/>    | \$283 04 |

Respectfully submitted,

LYMAN COOK,  
MOSES U. GASKILL,

Finance Committee.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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I have examined the accounts of all the Town Officers who have received or disbursed funds belonging to the town for the fiscal year ending January 1, 1918, and find them correctly kept and with proper vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. M. TAFT,

Auditor.



**REPORT**

OF THE

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

OF THE

**TOWN OF MENDON**

FOR THE

**SCHOOL YEAR, 1917**

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MILFORD, MASS.

MILFORD JOURNAL CO., PRINTERS.

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ORGANIZATION OF  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1917.

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|                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| CLARENCE A. TAFT (Secretary), | Term expires 1918. |
| LYMAN COOK (Chairman),        | Term expires 1919. |
| A. SUMNER COLEMAN,            | Term expires 1920. |

SUPERINTENDENT.

F. G. ATWELL.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| GEORGE H. WHITING, | F. G. ATWELL, |
| LYMAN COOK.        |               |

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

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The School Committee submits the following report for the year ending Jan. 1, 1918.

## RESOURCES.

|   |          |            |
|---|----------|------------|
| Balance from last year .....                            | \$89 51  |            |
| Appropriation .....                                     | 4,000 00 |            |
| Appropriation for School Physician ...                  | 25 00    |            |
| From State of Mass. Income School Fund                  | 1,391 90 |            |
| From State of Mass., Ass't. in High School .....        | 500 00   |            |
| From State of Mass., Tuition .....                      | 132 00   |            |
| From F. J. Dutcher, Superintendent ..                   | 375 00   |            |
| From City of Boston, tuition .....                      | 52 50    |            |
| From Town of Uxbridge, tuition .....                    | 28 50    |            |
| From County Treasurer, dog tax .....                    | 173 06   |            |
| From C. A. Fletcher, school tickets ....                | 7 20     |            |
| From F. H. Wood, 1-2 tuition at Industrial school ..... | 46 60    |            |
|   | <hr/>    | \$6,821 27 |

## EXPENDITURES.

|                               |            |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Teachers .....                | \$3,639 75 |            |
| Superintendent .....          | 577 50     |            |
| Transportation .....          | 938 25     |            |
| Fuel .....                    | 668 95     |            |
| Care of buildings .....       | 392 20     |            |
| Text books and supplies ..... | 200 30     |            |
| Incidentals .....             | 233 25     |            |
| School Physician .....        | 50 00      |            |
| Tuition .....                 | 93 21      |            |
|                               | <hr/>      | \$6,793 41 |
| Balance .....                 |            | \$27 86    |



## TEACHERS.

|                             |          |            |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------|
| Charles P. Steward .....    | \$940 00 |            |
| Alice C. Pulsifer .....     | 28 75    |            |
| Edith S. Lord .....         | 330 00   |            |
| Helen M. McKay .....        | 240 00   |            |
| Agnes M. Fraser .....       | 411 00   |            |
| Mary E. Dudley .....        | 447 00   |            |
| Caroline W. Blackwood ..... | 231 00   |            |
| Gladys I. Barry .....       | 180 00   |            |
| Verena S. Daley .....       | 165 00   |            |
| Clara M. Wilder .....       | 210 00   |            |
| Maria E. Allen .....        | 357 00   |            |
| Amy Wheelock .....          | 72 00    |            |
| Gertrude Arey .....         | 28 00    |            |
|                             | <hr/>    | \$3,639 75 |

## SUPERINTENDENT.

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| F. G. Atwell ..... | \$577 50 |
|--------------------|----------|

## TRANSPORTATION.

|                                     |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Milford & Uxbridge St. Ry. Co. .... | \$289 00 |          |
| J. F. Leonard .....                 | 360 00   |          |
| Leonard E. Taft .....               | 288 00   |          |
| W. G. Larkin .....                  | 1 25     |          |
|                                     | <hr/>    | \$938 25 |

## FUEL.

|                                       |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| H. M. Curtiss, Center and East Mendon | \$607 95 |          |
| L. F. Thayer, East Mendon .....       | 10 00    |          |
| C. A. Fletcher, Center and Albeeville | 39 00    |          |
| Justin F. Southwick, Albeeville ..... | 12 00    |          |
|                                       | <hr/>    | \$668 95 |

## SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Dr. K. A. Campbell ..... | \$50 00 |
|--------------------------|---------|

## CARE OF BUILDINGS.

|                          |          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Geo. H. Whiting .....    | \$100 00 |          |
| Charles P. Steward ..... | 179 00   |          |
| Jacob R. Brown .....     | 25 50    |          |
| Minnie F. Thayer .....   | 36 00    |          |
| Maria E. Allen .....     | 18 00    |          |
| Mrs. J. W. Waitt .....   | 21 70    |          |
| Eleanor Hoggarth .....   | 12 00    |          |
|                          | <hr/>    | \$392 20 |

## TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

|                             |        |          |
|-----------------------------|--------|----------|
| Silver, Burdett & Co. ....  | \$3 22 |          |
| D. C. Heath & Co. ....      | 2 62   |          |
| American Book Co. ....      | 7 60   |          |
| E. E. Babb & Co. ....       | 39 18  |          |
| J. J. Gibbs .....           | 1 40   |          |
| J. L. Hammett Co. ....      | 84 83  |          |
| Ginn & Co. ....             | 20 40  |          |
| Allyn & Bacon .....         | 12 67  |          |
| Houghton, Mifflin .....     | 3 56   |          |
| C. C. Birchard & Co. ....   | 3 16   |          |
| Lyons & Carnahan .....      | 13 30  |          |
| Brewer & Co. ....           | 1 36   |          |
| Benj. H. Sanborn & Co. .... | 7 00   |          |
|                             | <hr/>  | \$200 30 |

## TUITION.

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| City of Worcester, tuition Industrial<br>School ..... | \$93 21 |
|---|---------|

## INCIDENTALS.

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Henry L. Patrick, brushes, shovel, etc.                      | \$2 68 |
| E. T. Powers, grates, labor, material,<br>cartage, etc. .... | 87 50  |
| Clark Ellis & Sons, key, etc. ....                           | 35     |
| F. G. Atwell, letter heads, telephone, ex-                   |        |

|  |          |          |
|--|----------|----------|
| press, flag, expenses to Boston, etc.  | 20 49    |          |
| Staples & Gould, locks, fire pail .....  | 4 20     |          |
| Geo. E. Thayer, use of well, 2 years ...   | 6 00     |          |
| H. C. Forbes, lettering diplomas .....   | 1 00     |          |
| Milford Journal Co., graduation programs .....                                       | 4 75     |          |
| Jacob R. Brown, oiling floor at Albeeville, repairs, etc. ....                       | 2 95     |          |
| Samuel W. Wood, labor and material furnished at Albeeville .....                     | 10 25    |          |
| Carl M. Wilbur, mowing lawn, etc. ...  | 6 75     |          |
| J. J. Gibbs, alcohol, toilet paper, etc....  | 9 75     |          |
| Minnie F. Thayer, oiling floor, labor, etc., East Mendon .....                       | 5 00     |          |
| J. H. Dudley, services at church, graduation .....                                   | 2 00     |          |
| Lyman Cook, taking census, cash paid, etc, attending district meetings, lumber ..... | 23 63    |          |
| W. A. Barry, sharpening mowers and labor .....                                       | 7 00     |          |
| Pierre Norman, sawing wood .....   | 5 50     |          |
| Avery & Woodbury Co., curtains .....   | 4 35     |          |
| Reformatory for women, flags .....   | 6 10     |          |
| Clarence A. Taft, salary, oiling floors and cleaning vault .....                     | 23 00    |          |
|  |          | <hr/>    |
|  |          | \$233 25 |
| There is one unpaid bill of .....  | \$103 53 |          |
| Due from State, 1-2 Industrial tuition..   | 46 61    |          |

Respectfully submitted,

LYMAN COOK,

CLARENCE A. TAFT,

School Committee.

Mendon, Jan. 15, 1918.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF MENDON :—

The twenty-fourth annual report of the superintendent of schools is herewith presented.

### TEACHERS.

We were exceedingly fortunate in being able to retain Mr. Steward for a second year. He has secured a more hearty response from the pupils than I have ever seen in the school before. Whatever task he has set, they have cheerfully attempted. Wherever a similar degree of responsiveness exists, a good school will be found. Wherever it is lacking, no matter what the cause may be, the work will drag and it is more than probable the discipline will suffer. Under Mr. Steward's administration no one seems to think of discipline or of causing trouble.

Miss McKay is doing equally good work. She has been preceded by especially strong teachers, but in every respect she has kept up to the former high standard. The relations between her and the pupils are very cordial, and what she asks, they perform.

### SALARIES AND SCHOOL EXPENDITURES.

It can not be denied that we are receiving excellent teaching service in the grades considering the low salaries paid, but there are several indications that a more liberal policy will have to be pursued in the near future. We lost one good teacher last year because the salary was too meager. Miss Pulsifer went to another position at an increase of two hundred dollars. Miss Lord is now receiving three hundred and fifty dollars more than she received in Mendon. The town of Bellingham, with which, for obvious reasons, it is quite natural to make comparisons, is paying out-of-

town teachers three or four dollars more per week than Mendon for work of the same grade. As a result that town is able to secure and retain teachers with more professional training and of larger experience.

This does not seem like a propitious time for suggesting any increase of expenditures. There is, however, besides the general advance of all prices, a very specific reason for calling this matter to your attention at this time. There is in some of the grades a noticeable absence of that spirit of responsiveness just referred to in the high school. This lack of interest, this atmosphere of indifference to achievement, should be corrected as early as possible. The problem has been increasing in difficulty rather than otherwise for two or three years. Its solution will require stronger qualities than we can possibly expect to obtain for a salary of twelve dollars per week.

On account of the high cost of living and enormous war expenditures, a few towns have proposed retrenchment in running their schools. The State Board of Education has felt that while this is not likely to become general, it might be resorted to in too many instances. Accordingly a circular letter has been sent out cautioning school officials of the danger of reduced appropriations for schools at the next town meeting.

At the outbreak of the war England almost suspended her public school activities and expenditures. The inexpediency of this course became very evident later, and England is now making heroic efforts to repair the evil. France kept her schools up to their highest state of efficiency, notwithstanding her great expenditures for war purposes. The United States has been urged to follow the example of France. The National Commissioner of education has lost no opportunity to impress this advice upon his hearers, and our own Commissioner admonishes us that the financial needs of the coming year will be greater than those of the year that is past.

#### THE PATRICK PRIZES.

A few words of explanation concerning these prizes will doubtless be interesting to the readers of this report since one of

the prizes last year was won by a Mendon pupil, Lloyd Whiting.

Mr. Delano Patrick, early in life, became deeply conscious of the evils of war. While not a pacifist in the sense that the term is now so frequently used, he felt that civilized man owed it to himself and to his civilization to discover some practicable means of abolishing warfare. Undoubtedly he hoped it would not require a great "world war to abolish war," yet such we now have. It occurred to him that if the young people of this vicinity could be induced to think and write upon the general subject of peace, a real peace propaganda would gradually develop. Accordingly he offered a series of prizes to the pupils in the public schools of Milford, Bellingham, Hopedale, and Mendon for the best essays on any subject relating to peace or the suppression of war.

Since Mr. Patrick's decease, these prizes have been continued by the family, and increased from thirty-five to fifty dollars annually. The individual prizes amount to twenty, fifteen, ten, and five dollars. In the last peace essay contest Lloyd Whiting won the first prize.

#### ATTENDANCE.

The daily attendance is not what it should be in all cases. Of course pupils living at a distance must be governed by the weather and travelling to a great extent, but it is a noticeable fact that those who are absent the most have the least reason for it. It is also reported by the teachers that they are usually the ones who can least afford to lose any time from school if they expect promotion at the end of the year. It is not at all certain that the habitual absentees are ill or that they remain at home. They seem to feel that every day they can escape school is so much clear gain when in reality it is so much dead loss.

Of course there will be a certain amount of necessary absence, and of this no one complains. There are over-conscientious pupils who attend school on days when it would be better for their own personal welfare if they remained at home. But the habitual absentee is almost never really interested in his work. He is often behind his class and is likely to retard its progress more or less.



Unnecessary absence should be checked so far as possible, for it is an injury to the pupil and a hindrance to the school.

#### TRANSPORTATION.

There are no issues nor problems relating to this topic that require any extended remarks at this time. The general policy throughout the state is to strike a happy medium between an unnecessary expenditure of the town's money on the one hand and imposing hardship upon the pupils on the other. The policy of the Mendon committee has been very liberal and has tended to favor the pupil in all cases of doubt. Car tickets have been granted to certain pupils when the weather was stormy or the travelling bad even where the distance was not sufficient to require transportation. In such cases, pupils should use the tickets as judiciously as if they paid for them personally instead of the town. Teachers report that pupils remain away from school because they do not have tickets, when as a matter of fact, they would have had tickets if they had not used them up when both weather and travelling were comfortable. It does not appear to me that the teachers have been narrow or stingy in the distribution of tickets, but it is certain that the pupils suffer a personal loss every day they are absent from school.

#### TRAINING IN THE DUTIES OF CITIZENSHIP.

A law was enacted by the last legislature requiring the public schools to give instruction in the duties of citizenship. Though it is often claimed that the curriculum is now badly over-crowded and teachers overworked, yet we shall be glad to make room for so important a subject as community civics. The purpose of the new study will not be so much to impart a knowledge of the science of civil government as to instil in the minds of the pupils those thoughts, ideals, and impulses which will tend to make them worthy and useful citizens.

The real purpose of any system of education supported by public taxation is to promote the public welfare. Incidentally an education is a source of great satisfaction to the individual possessor. It may enable him to shine socially, to achieve distinction

or to earn a bigger salary. But these are all personal and selfish ends, for the cost of which the public is in no way responsible. We can not be too frequently reminded that the great purpose of the public schools is to cause the children to become better citizens than they otherwise would be; to develop in them both the power and the desire to serve the State more efficiently; to enable them to perceive their duties as clearly as their rights; and to induce them to prefer the public good to private gain. With these ideals in view, I trust we shall all unite to give to this new law the highest degree of effectiveness of which we are capable.

#### AGRICULTURAL INSTRUCTION.

There are certain forms of State-aid for agricultural instruction in which the citizens of Mendon might be interested, if brought to their attention. Under certain conditions the State will pay two-thirds of the salary of a properly qualified instructor. Assuming the salary of such an instructor to be \$1200, the town would be required to pay \$400. The salaries of the present high school teachers amount to \$1600. The balance of \$1200 would pay the salaries of two assistants. The instructor in agriculture would be expected to devote his time almost wholly to agricultural subjects, but his presence would be sufficient to stabilize the discipline. The result would be a man to teach agriculture and two women to teach the subjects we now offer, and without any material increase in current expenses.

An agricultural instructor would be supposed to organize and administer a course in agriculture in the local high school and also to serve as a community expert and adviser in all matters relating to farming, dairying, fruit-raising, and related subjects. A portion of his time would actually be spent on the farms, thus forming an intimate connection between the farms and the school. I also understand that those taking the course in agriculture would pursue their studies quite as much upon the farm as in school, that real farming would be carried on for purposes of instruction instead of artificial laboratory exercises.

That agricultural methods may be improved is easy to dem-



onstrate. The farmers of France, Belgium, Denmark, and Germany produce twice as much from the same quality of land as we do in America. Those who employ scientific methods in this country—and the number is rapidly increasing—are securing results that were almost undreamed of fifty years ago, and that would be a revelation to the unscientific farmer of today. That scientific methods are in demand is indicated by the fact that one of the graduates of our own high school was paid at the rate of twenty-five hundred dollars per year for supervising the Franklin Park gardens.

Whenever it becomes necessary to look up a new high school principal, not before, I recommend the careful consideration of this plan.

With sincere gratitude for the cordial co-operation of all parties in any way connected with the schools, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

F. G. ATWELL,

Superintendent of Schools.

Hopedale, Mass., Jan. 15, 1918.

## TEACHERS AND SALARIES, JANUARY, 1918.

| SCHOOLS.  | TEACHERS.   | SALARIES<br>PER<br>MONTH.                                      | PREPARATION.  |
|---|---|--|---|
| High,<br>Assistant,<br>Grammar,<br>Intermediate,<br>Primary,<br>East Mendon,<br>Albeeville,<br>Music, | Charles P. Steward,<br>Helen M. McKay,<br>Agnes M. Fraser,<br>Gladys Barry,<br>Mary E. Dudley,<br>Verena Daley,<br>Maria Allen,<br>Mrs. F. B. Arey, | \$100 00<br>60 00<br>48 00<br>48 00<br>52 00<br>44 00<br>42 00 | Bates College.<br>Boston University.<br>Northfield Seminary.<br>Newburyport Training.<br>Mendon High School.<br>Mendon High School.<br>Wareham High School.<br>Private Instruction. |

## SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1917-1918.

| SCHOOLS.                | SCHOOL<br>YEAR. | FALL TERM.      |                 | WINTER TERM.    |                  | SPRING TERM.    |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                         |                 | Opens.          | Closes.         | Opens.          | Closes.          | Opens.          | Closes.         |
| High School,<br>Grades, | 40 weeks        | 1917<br>Sept. 3 | 1917<br>Dec. 21 | 1917<br>Dec. 31 | 1918<br>March 21 | 1918<br>April 1 | 1918<br>June 21 |
|                         | 36 weeks        | Sept. 10        | Dec. 21         | Jan. 7          | March 15         | April 1         | June 14         |

Holidays:—

Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day and Friday following, January 1, February 22, April 19, and May 30.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1918-1919.

| SCHOOLS.                | SCHOOL<br>YEAR. | FALL TERM.      |                 | WINTER TERM.     |                  | SPRING TERM.     |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
|                         |                 | Opens.          | Closes.         | Opens.           | Closes.          | Opens.           | Closes.         |
| High School,<br>Grades, | 40 weeks.       | 1918<br>Sept. 3 | 1918<br>Dec. 22 | 1918<br>Dec. 30  | 1919<br>March 21 | 1919<br>March 31 | 1919<br>June 20 |
|                         | 36 weeks.       | Sept. 9         | Dec. 22         | Jan. 16<br>1919. | March 14         | March 31         | June 13         |

Holidays:—

Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day and Friday following, January 1, February 22, April 19, and May 30.

## ATTENDANCE DATA, 1916-1917.

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 RANK OF SCHOOLS BASED ON PERCENTAGE OF ATTENDANCE.

|                             |                      |       |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------|
| East Mendon, .....          | Miss Wilder, .....   | 94.41 |
| Intermediate, .....         | Mrs. Blackwood, .... | 91.07 |
| High School, .....          | Mr. Steward, .....   | 90.00 |
| Primary, .....              | Miss Dudley, .....   | 89.96 |
| Grammar, .....              | Miss Fraser, .....   | 89.00 |
| Albeeville, .....           | Mrs. Allen, .....    | 83.90 |
| Average for the Town, ..... |                      | 89.73 |

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## RANK OF SCHOOLS BASED ON DAYS OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

|                     |                     |         |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------|
| East Mendon, .....  | Miss Wilder, .....  | 99 days |
| Albeeville, .....   | Mrs. Allen, .....   | 28 days |
| Primary, .....      | Miss Dudley, .....  | 22 days |
| Intermediate, ..... | Mrs. Blackwood, ... | 11 days |
| Grammar, .....      | Miss Fraser, .....  | 4 days  |

STATISTICAL TABLE, SEPTEMBER, 1916, TO JUNE, 1917.

|   | High School. | Grammar. | Intermediate. | Primary. | East Mendon. | Albeeville. | Summaries and<br>Averages. |
|---|--------------|----------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Total enrolment .....                       | 33           | 39       | 33            | 31       | 12           | 18          | 166                        |
| Average membership .....                    | 30           | 37       | 32            | 29       | 16           | 15          | 159                        |
| Average attendance .....                    | 29           | 33       | 30            | 26       | 15           | 13          | 146                        |
| Per cent. of attendance .....               | 90.00        | 89.00    | 91.07         | 90.00    | 94.41        | 83.90       | 89.73                      |
| Days of actual schooling .....              | 189          | 170      | 170           | 170      | 170          | 169         | 173                        |
| Number of pupils under 5 years of age ..... | 0            | 0        | 0             | 0        | 0            | 0           | 0                          |
| Between 5 and 7 years of age .....          | 0            | 0        | 0             | 16       | 1            | 4           | 21                         |
| Between 7 and 14 years of age .....         | 9            | 33       | 33            | 14       | 10           | 12          | 111                        |
| Between 14 and 16 years of age .....        | 17           | 6        | 0             | 1        | 1            | 2           | 27                         |
| Over 16 years of age .....                  | 7            | 0        | 0             | 0        | 0            | 0           | 7                          |
| Total days of attendance .....              | 5639         | 5639     | 5032          | 4462     | 2602         | 2142        | 25542                      |
| Total days of absence .....                 | 179          | 684      | 493           | 518      | 265          | 364         | 2503                       |
| Instances of tardiness .....                | 987          | 319      | 105           | 44       | 4            | 47          | 1506                       |
| Of dismissal .....                          | 7            | 37       | 32            | 10       | 7            | 15          | 108                        |
| Number of truants .....                     | 0            | 1        | 0             | 0        | 0            | 0           | 1                          |
| Cases of corporal punishment .....          | 0            | 0        | 2             | 1        | 0            | 0           | 3                          |
| Visits by superintendent .....              | 56           | 52       | 44            | 36       | 15           | 9           | 212                        |
| Visits by school physician .....            | 2            | 0        | 1             | 1        | 0            | 0           | 4                          |
| By others .....                             | 10           | 8        | 3             | 0        | 22           | 20          | 63                         |

Graduation Exercises of the  
**MENDON HIGH SCHOOL**  
 AT THE

*Unitarian Church, Friday Evening, June 22, 1917.*

**AT EIGHT O'CLOCK.**

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PROGRAM.

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Processional March

JOHN DALTON

Prayer

REV. C. A. HENDERSON

Song, The Lord Is Great

Mendelssohn

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

Essay, Life and Works of Johann-Sebastian Bach

MILDRED THEDA GOODNOW

Song, Humoreske

Dvorak

GIRLS' CHORUS

Essay, Beginning and Growth of Mendon Schools

JESSIE WEST PHILLIPS

Oration, Temperance

MILDRED HAZEL IRONS

Song, Comrades Awake

M. Storch

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

Class History and Prophecy

MARION STEERE

Song of Liberty

Wollenhaupt

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

Address, The Meaning of Education

DR. J. M. FRENCH

Presentation of Diplomas

Star-Spangled Banner

Recessional March

JOHN DALTON

*Class Colors*—Gold and White

*Class Flower*—Chrysanthemum

*Class Motto*—Vincit qui Laborat (He conquers  
who labors)

# CLASS OFFICERS

*President*—Marion Steere

*Vice-President*—Mildred H. Irons

*Secretary*—Jessie W. Phillips

*Treasurer*—Mildred T. Goodnow

## TOWN WARRANT.

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*Worcester, ss.*

To the Constable of the Town of Mendon in the County of  
 Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Mendon, on the Fourth day of March punctually, at nine o'clock, A. M., to act on the following articles, viz.:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To bring in their ballots for the following officers: a Town Clerk for one year, Three Selectmen for one year, a Town Treasurer for one year, One Assessor for three years, a Tree Warden for one year, a Collector of Taxes for one year, One Auditor for one year, a Constable for one year, Three Fence Viewers for one year, One Trustee of the Taft Public Library for two years, One School Committee for three years, a Park Commissioner for three years; also to bring in their votes Yes or No in answer to the question, shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town; all on one ballot designating the office intended for each person voted for.

Article 3. To hear the report of the several town officers and committees and act thereon.

Article 4. To choose all the necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To raise such sums as are necessary to pay town charges and make appropriations for the same.



Article 6. To see what measures the town will adopt to secure the speedy collection of taxes.

Article 7. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to hire money, and to what amount, to pay current expenses for the financial year commencing January 1, 1918, in anticipation of revenue.

Article 8. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for Memorial Day services, and appoint a committee to expend the same.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to be expended on highways provided the Massachusetts Highway Commission will contribute for the same.

Article 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for care and improvement in the old cemetery, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 11. To see if the town will elect a finance committee, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for the suppression of liquor selling, gambling and vice, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to establish additional street lights, raise and appropriate any money therefor, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to have all town officers requiring a bond, bonded with a Surety Company, appropriate any sum of money to pay for said bonds, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to buy new sign boards, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appro-



priate any money to buy modern road machinery, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to place a sign board on the point of land between Maple and Hastings streets, or take any action in relation to same.

The Polls may be closed at 4 P. M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in said Mendon, and causing a copy of the same to be published one time in one of the daily papers, published in Milford, Mass., both said posting and publication to be at least seven days before the time of the meeting hereby ordered to be held.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen and Town Clerk, before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this 19th day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

MOSES U. GASKILL,

EDWARD T. POWERS,

LUTHER W. HOLBROOK,

Selectmen of Mendon.

A true copy, attest :

ARTHUR E. BROWN,

Constable of Mendon.



